



# Sturgis Library News

Summer 2008

## Flowers for Barnstable

A Garden Tour to Benefit  
the Friends of Sturgis Library

SUNDAY, JULY 13  
12 NOON TO 4:00 P.M.  
Tickets \$20.00 in advance  
at the Circulation Desk  
or \$25.00 on the day  
of the Tour



Visit six gorgeous gardens  
in Barnstable Village  
and Cummaquid

For more information call Elizabeth  
at 508-362-6636 or  
check the library's website at:  
[www.sturgislibrary.org](http://www.sturgislibrary.org)

## WHAT WE EAT ON CAPE COD



SATURDAY, JUNE 21  
3 TO 5 PM

Sturgis Library, Barnstable Village

*Featuring speakers:*

Doug and Diane Langeland of Edible Cape Cod  
David "Pops" Masch, author of [Cooking the Catch](#)  
Tim Friary of Cape Cod Organic Farm in Cummaquid  
David Ross of Cape Cod Cranberry in West Barnstable

*Sample historic and traditional Cape Cod food  
provided by members of  
the Sturgis Library Cookbook Club*

Sturgis Library 3090 Main Street Route 6A  
508-362-6636 [www.sturgislibrary.org](http://www.sturgislibrary.org)

This program is presented as part of the  
One Book One Barnstable Cooperative  
Program. For more information,  
see <http://onebookonebarnstable.blogspot.com>  
Funding provided by a grant from the  
Institute of Museum and Library Services

## ANNUAL BOOK, PLANT & BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 1:00-3:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 10:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.

### BOOK SALE

- Books for Adults and YAs
- Fiction and nonfiction
- Children's Books
- Videos
- Paperbacks—fill-a-bag for \$2.00
- Hardcover books—fill-a-bag for \$5.00



### BAKE SALE

Baked goods gratefully accepted

Donated items may be dropped off at the library between 10-5 on Friday, June 6th or after 9am on the morning of Saturday, June 7th.

*Do You Have Plants to Donate to the Plant Sale?*

Potted plants can be delivered to the Library on Thursday, June 5th and Friday, June 6th.

### *Funded by Friends in FY 2008*

- \$5,000 contribution to Library Annual Appeal
- Museum passes
- Rebinding of special collections
- 8 Windsor chairs for the Hooper Room
- "Book Pages" - a monthly periodical
- Portable audio system
- Children's services and new BRIO train set
- Archival material

### THE FRIENDS ARE SEEKING A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR 2008-2009

To organize and contact volunteers to help with Friends programs, special events and to assist Elizabeth with large mailings.

If interested please call Elizabeth at 508-362-6636 or e-mail her at eap2001@comcast.net

# Renew your Friends Membership Today!

**Yes!**

**I want to be a member of the Friends!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member

Renewal

\$15.00 per household. Make checks payable to *Friends of Sturgis Library*  
 Your annual contribution is tax deductible and helps support Friends' programs and services.

**Thank you for your contribution!**

I AM INTERESTED IN:

Volunteering in the Friends Bookstore

Helping with Friends Events

Assisting in other ways — please contact me



## FRIENDS OF THE STURGIS LIBRARY

Greetings! The Friends are pleased to announce the opening of our new “Bookstore and Gift Shop” located in a renovated area near the library’s main entrance. Please stop by and visit! We have great books at great prices, unique gifts and new items arriving weekly.

The Friends held their annual meeting and festive “lobster roll” luncheon on May 7th. As always it was a delightful event enjoyed by those who attended. The slate of officers for 2008-2009 was presented:

- President                      Margaret Housman
- Vice-President                Nadeane Carlisle
- Treasurer                       Roy Hammer
- Secretary                       Mary Lou Thayer

Treasurer Roy Hammer highlighted the contributions made by the Friends to Sturgis Library during the year (see list) with special attention given to our most recent funding projects:

- \$1,500 for Children’s Services which includes Sturgis participation in a townwide summer reading program and a new BRIO train set for the Children’s Room.
- \$1,500 for the purchase of archival material, such as the Sandy Neck Lighthouse Keepers Log (1840s—1880s) and signed James Otis documents.

In 2007-2008 the Friends donated over \$12,000 to the Library. Our funds come primarily from Bookstore sales, annual membership dues and special events. Two such events will occur in June and July. Our Annual Book, Plant and Bake sale will be held on Friday June 6th and Saturday, June 7th and on Sunday, July 13th (12-4 pm) the Friends will sponsor a tour of 6 gardens in Barnstable Village and Cummaquid.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30 so it is once again time to invite you to join the Friends. Annual membership is \$15.00 per household from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. To renew your membership or join for the first time please complete the form provided on the adjoining page. Then detach and mail to: Friends of Sturgis Library, PO Box 606, Barnstable, MA 02630. Thank you for your generous support!

—Margaret Housman, President of the Friends

### “Cape Cod Hydrangeas”

Slide presentation and discussion by  
Joan Harrison  
President of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society



Join the Friends on  
Tuesday, September 9 at 2:00 pm  
for the first of our 2008-2009 programs

The Friends Bookstore is now selling

### Bird Ornaments

by Gary Starr of Starr Decoys,  
Weymouth, Vermont



4 designs @ \$15.00 each or  
4 for \$50.00

Each piece is carved out of Vermont basswood from the linden tree. His series of bird ornaments now includes 59 species. Gary designs, carves, paints and signs each piece.

A portion of the proceeds benefit  
the Friends of Sturgis Library



## BENEFIT FROM YOUR GENEROSITY

In the last edition of the *Sturgis Library News* the Board of Trustees announced the establishment of a formal planned giving program with a generous gift of an annuity from Trustee Jim Hinkle. In response to questions about this program I would like to share with you how a Sturgis Charitable Gift Annuity works.

In exchange for a charitable gift of \$10,000 or more in cash, saving bonds or stock, a Sturgis Charitable Gift Annuity is established for you. The annuity contract specifies the income you will receive annually or quarterly for the rest of your life, no matter what happens to interest rates or other financial markets. The annuity generates a charitable income tax deduction, part of the income received is tax free, and the rate of return is often higher than what is available from many conservative or fixed income investments.

### TEN ADVANTAGES OF A STURGIS CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY:

- easy to establish
- guaranteed income for life
- high rates of return
- partially tax free income
- charitable income tax deduction in the year that gift is made
- income directed to yourself, your spouse or another loved one
- capital gains tax reduction when appreciated assets are gifted
- remaining funds can be directed by the donor to a specific library program
- membership in Sturgis Legacy Society
- comfort knowing that your Sturgis Charitable Gift Annuity is backed by a 140 year old organization that is “dedicated to preserving and promoting Cape Cod history while providing services to meet the needs of a contemporary community.”

American Council on Gift Annuities  
**One-Life Gift Annuity Rates**  
 (7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
55	5.3
60	5.5
65	5.7
70	6.1
75	6.7
80	7.6
85	8.9
90+	10.5

**Rates based on two lives are available upon request.**

For more information on this program and other ways to give, please contact : Ellie Claus, President Board of Trustees, 508-221-0961.

*Did you know that the Sturgis Library receives only 43% of its annual operating income from the Town of Barnstable? We must raise the majority of our funds from donations, grants, and interest on our endowment. Your donations, big and small, are vital to our success. We thank you for recognizing the benefits of donating to the Sturgis Library.*

## From the Director's Desk



I have been very fortunate to be one of 15 candidates from area nonprofit organizations accepted to participate in the first Cape and Islands Nonprofit Leadership Development Program, sponsored by the Cape Cod Foundation and the held at the Gestalt International Study Center (GISC). The nine-month program requires a significant commitment from the participating leaders and their organizations, and covers all facets of leadership in the nonprofit setting, from fundraising and marketing to building more effective relationships with Board members, staff and the community. The program is designed and conducted by GISC, and has received substantial funding from the Peter and Elizabeth Tower Foundation. The program began in January, and will culminate with the completion of a comprehensive project in October of 2008.

The other participating individuals and their organizations are David Augustinho of the Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board; Gail Briere of the Nauset Public Schools; Kristin Braun-Cappello of the Community Coalition of Cape Cod; John F. Clese of YMCA of Martha's Vineyard; B.L. Hathaway of the Tri-County Community of Oral Health Excellence; Rob Goldfarb of The Farm Institute; Lysetta Hurge-Putnam of Independence House; Cheryl Jacobson of IFAW; Susan Loucks of WCAI/WGBH; Hadley Luddy of Community Connections; Kate Macaulay of Cape Cod Children's Place; Peggy Meenan of Kids & Teens Assessment Center; Cherie Mittenthal of the Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill; and Teri Nezbeth of Helping Our Women.

Gestalt International Study Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to studying and teaching the interpersonal skills that lead to action, change and growth. They offer powerful learning experiences in the areas of Leadership Development, Professional Skill Development, and Personal Development that will increase participants' impact and improve their relationships at work, at home, and in the larger world. Participating in this program has been extremely valuable and meaningful, and I would highly recommend their workshops. For more information about Gestalt International Study Center, call 508-349-7900 or visit <http://www.gisc.org>.

### Trustee Dinner

Over 90 Sturgis Library patrons, friends, neighbors, Trustees, staff, and volunteers enjoyed a delicious dinner and evening of socializing at the Dolphin Restaurant in Barnstable Village on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We thank everyone for joining us for a fun evening, and for supporting library programs and services. We're already planning next year's dinner - location and menu to be announced!

### Robert Mesrop Paints the Sturgis Library

Visitors to the Sturgis Library will notice a recently-commissioned watercolor painting of the library hanging near the main entrance. In celebration of the Library's 140th birthday and the recent renovations of the exterior of the building, we wanted to mark the occasion with an updated artistic rendering of the Library. We are indebted to Robert Mesrop for his great talent and warm depiction of our historic building.



Find out more about Robert and his work at:

<http://www.capecodartassoc.org/index.php?name=Sections&req=viewarticle&artid=232>.

--Lucy Loomis, Library Director, May 2008

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FY09**

- Ellie Claus, President
- Dan Santos, Vice President
- Bill Cook, Treasurer
- Jackie Crowley, Secretary
- Carrie Bearse
- Sheila Bearse
- Liza Cox
- Mike Downs
- Marilyn Fuller
- Sherry Greene–Starr
- Ted Housman
- Jim Hinkle
- Laurel Kornheiser
- Joanne Lyman
- Larry Mulaire
- Ted Theodores
- Joan Wright

**TRUSTEE NEWS**

**Sean Cummings** will be stepping down from his position of Vice President of the Sturgis Library Board of Trustees after 9 years of service to the library. Sean has been an active member of many library committees, including the Building, Finance, and Development Committees. Sean was instrumental in helping the library develop new and improved financial strategies, and for helping to promote the library's programs and services to the Barnstable Village community.

**Laurel Kornheiser** was elected to the Board of Trustees at the Board's May meeting, and will join the Board in July of 2008. Laurel teaches at Cape Cod Community College and Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and is Editorial Director for the Claire Murray publication *La Vie Claire*. She lives in Barnstable Village.

**STAFF NEWS**

In March we welcomed new Youth Services Librarian **Karen Campbell–Murdoch** to our staff. Many of you may recognize Karen as a former Family Resource Provider for the Families United Network (F.U.N.). Karen is also a founding member of The Women of Fishing Families (W.O.F.F.), a non-profit, volunteer organization which consists of women who are dedicated to supporting Cape Cod fishing families, each other, and the greater fishing community on Cape Cod. She lives in Chatham with her husband Dave and her dog Bruce.

Long-time Sturgis Library staff member **Mary Lou Thayer** retired from her position as Circulation Assistant in April after 17 years of employment. Mary Lou has seen it all at the Sturgis Library — renovations, construction, new staff, volunteers, and Trustees. She has personally gotten to know many of our regular library patrons. She has offered hundreds of book recommendations, answered thousands of reference questions, and has checked out tens of thousands of books at the circulation desk. Mary Lou has been particularly helpful to our genealogical researchers, often spending extra time to make certain they left the library with no blank spots in their family tree. We're grateful for all that Mary Lou has done for the library over the years, and look forward to welcoming her to the Board of the Friends of Sturgis Library in FY2009.

**Members of the Sturgis Library staff include:**

- Lucy Loomis, Library Director
- Marcella Curry, Assistant Director/Adult Services Librarian
- Karen Campbell–Murdoch, Youth Services Librarian
- Julie French, Technical Services Assistant
- Elizabeth Payne, Administrative Assistant
- Weezie Nelson, Circulation Assistant
- Kyle Damron, Circulation Assistant
- Karen Horn, Circulation Assistant
- Adrienne Eldredge, Circulation Assistant
- Dan Bermingham, Maintenance
- Judy Fiset, Circulation Substitute



# Kids Corner!

## Summer "Wild Reads" Begins!

Join us for the Kick Off Party on

Monday June 30, 2008  
10:30 am

With Musician Rick Goldin  
at  
Our Lady of Victory Parish  
Hall

230 S. Main St. Centerville

Come learn about our  
summer collaborative reading  
programs

(Sturgis, Marstons Mills,  
Whelden, Centerville, & Couit)

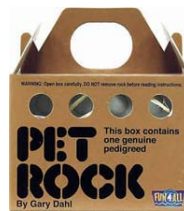
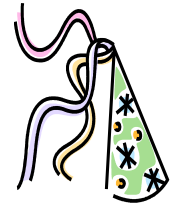


### Wild Woodland Couture

Troll, Fairies, & Dancing critters  
Tuesday July 8, 2008  
3:30pm — 4:30pm

### Wild Hats

Join us as we make some funny,  
Wild Hats!  
Thursday July 17, 2008  
1:00pm—2:00pm



### Wild and Crazy Pet Rocks

Friday  
August 1, 2008  
10:00am—11:00am

### Something Fishy!

Come learn about the fish we  
find in the ocean!  
Thursday, July 24, 2008  
10:00am—11:00am



## Pitter Patter Puppets!

July 30, 2008  
10:00 am

Come sing, dance and laugh  
with Mary and all her  
friends!



### Wild Reads Last Hurrah!

Ice Cream Social!  
Friday, August 15, 2008  
2:00pm—4:00 pm  
Location TBA



Swing in to Sturgis  
for some fantastic singing  
& autoharp playing  
by the very popular  
Adam Miller!  
August 9, 2008  
1:00 PM  
Adam Miller



## OVERDRIVE Downloadable Audio books

You can now download audio books, music, or ebooks from the CLAMS web site.

To access these materials you will need a CLAMS card issued from a participating library (Sturgis is one). You will download and save free software onto your computer. At that point, you can check an item out online and listen to or read it on the device of your choice. To get started, go to the CLAMS site: [www.clamsnet.org](http://www.clamsnet.org) and click on the download link. Please let the circulation staff know if you have any questions.

## *Recognition of Volunteers*

In June, our staff and Board of Trustees will host a party to thank our volunteers. Sturgis Library has almost 50 volunteers who assist with library operations. These volunteers shelve all the library items that are returned daily, prepare most of our library items for circulation, process the newsletter for mailing, gather items requested from other libraries, make copies, and more. Our volunteers range in age from 12 to 92! They keep the library going and we are very grateful for their time and effort.

*Thank you!*

## Memorial Tribute for Myrne Riel



The Sturgis Library will host a memorial tribute to remember library patron Myrne Riel on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. During this tribute Myrne's family will be present for the dedication of a memorial bench purchased with donations from Myrne's family and loved ones. This beautiful bench will be an inviting addition to the brick patio entrance, an area where Myrne often met friends. With additional memorial donations the library was also able to purchase a collection of special books celebrating the unique beauty of countries around the globe. Travel and nature were two of Myrne's passions.

Myrne was a frequent visitor to the library and especially enjoyed the large print selections and audio tapes. Myrne and her husband Henry had lived on the Cape for more than 20 years and were great walkers, enjoying their daily stroll to the post office. Myrne was a member of a small reading group which has met for ten years at Sturgis. Her absence has created a real void in the group; her comments and stories will be missed. She had a wonderful outlook – always positive – and if a shred of humor existed in a situation, she found it and shared it.

We feel her absence, but are grateful she crossed our path.



## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS TO SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY

### New Research and Collections Space Coming Soon



The Friends of Sturgis Library celebrated the grand opening of their attractive new **Book Shop** on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and they've stocked the shelves with selections of new and antiquarian books, videos, music CDs, children's items, and gift items. The Book Shop, now located near the main entrance of the library, is staffed by volunteers three days a week, and items are available for purchase whenever the library is open.

Relocating the Friends Book Shop allowed us to provide more visibility for the Shop while also providing increased research and collections space in the historic portion of our building.

The **Lothrop Room**, previous home to the Book Shop, will soon be transformed into a room for research, reading, and display. Here are some of the highlights of the new space:

- Glassed-in shelves will hold ever-changing displays of materials from our special collections and archives.
- Collections currently stored in the basement will be available for browsing and research, including genealogical periodicals, maritime and local history titles, yearbooks, and more.
- Comfortable seating and workspace for researchers and quiet study will be available.

We hope to have the transformation complete by the end of June, 2008.

We are in need of **gently used and sturdy furniture** for the newly remodeled space. Because it is an antique room, we hope to furnish it with antique-looking pieces. If you have items you wish to donate, we'd be interested to hear from you. Items we're particularly interested in are upholstered chairs, lamps, desk chairs, and tables. We'd be happy to arrange for pick-up of furniture. Contact Lucy Loomis at (508) 362-8448 or [info@sturgislibrary.org](mailto:info@sturgislibrary.org).

## Barnstable Village Prints Now on Sale at the Sturgis Library

*Sepia prints of a variety of scenes in and around Barnstable Village are now on sale at the Circulation Desk for \$5.00 each. The photos, whose originals are from the Sturgis Library archives, depict Pond Village, Hinckley's Pond, Millway, Rendezvous Creek, the Village, plus aerial views of the Village and Harbor. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Sturgis Library.*



*The Sturgis Library*  
*P.O. Box 606*  
*Barnstable, MA 02630*

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*Clip Out and Save!*

### *Calendar of Events and Programs*

**Sturgis Library  
HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
**10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Tuesday  
**1:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Saturday  
**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Sunday  
**Closed**

**Web site:**  
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**Email:**  
[info@sturgislibrary.org](mailto:info@sturgislibrary.org)

- June 6, 1-3 pm Friends Book & Plant Sale
- June 7, 10-3 pm Friends Book, Bake & Plant Sale
  
- June 21, 3-5 pm What We Eat on Cape Cod
- June 30, 10 am Kick off Party for "Wild Reads." Music by Rick Goldin  
Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall. Details available on **Kids Corner** page 7
  
- July 4 & July 5 **CLOSED TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- July 13 Flowers for Barnstable—a garden tour to benefit the Friends of Sturgis Library
  
- July & August Children's Programs—details available on **Kids Corner** page 7
  
- September 1 **CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**
  
- September 9 Cape Cod Hydrangeas, slide show and presentation by Joan Harrison, President of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society  
2:00 pm

*For more information, call the Library at 362-6636*